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Director, Central Intelligence Group,
New War Department Building,
Twenty-first Street and
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Sir:

For some time past the Strategic Service Unit has been of aid to the Department of State in supplying communication facilities at certain Foreign Service locations in the Near and Middle East.

There is a continuing need for better inter-communications between our missions in the Near and Middle East and for better communication between the Department and certain of these posts not serviced by the U.S. international communication carriers. In addition, there is always the necessity for provision of emergency communications in case of breakdowns in the available commercial facilities.

In view of the foregoing and with the knowledge that the Strategic Service Unit has offered assistance in the solution of such problems of national interest, it is thought possible that they may be in position to provide a small self-contained network to perform the services mentioned in the above paragraph for certain Middle and Near Eastern State Department posts. This would eliminate the frequent spot requests made by the Department of State for aid at individual posts. The posts in question are

Very truly yours,

/s/ W.K. Scott
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